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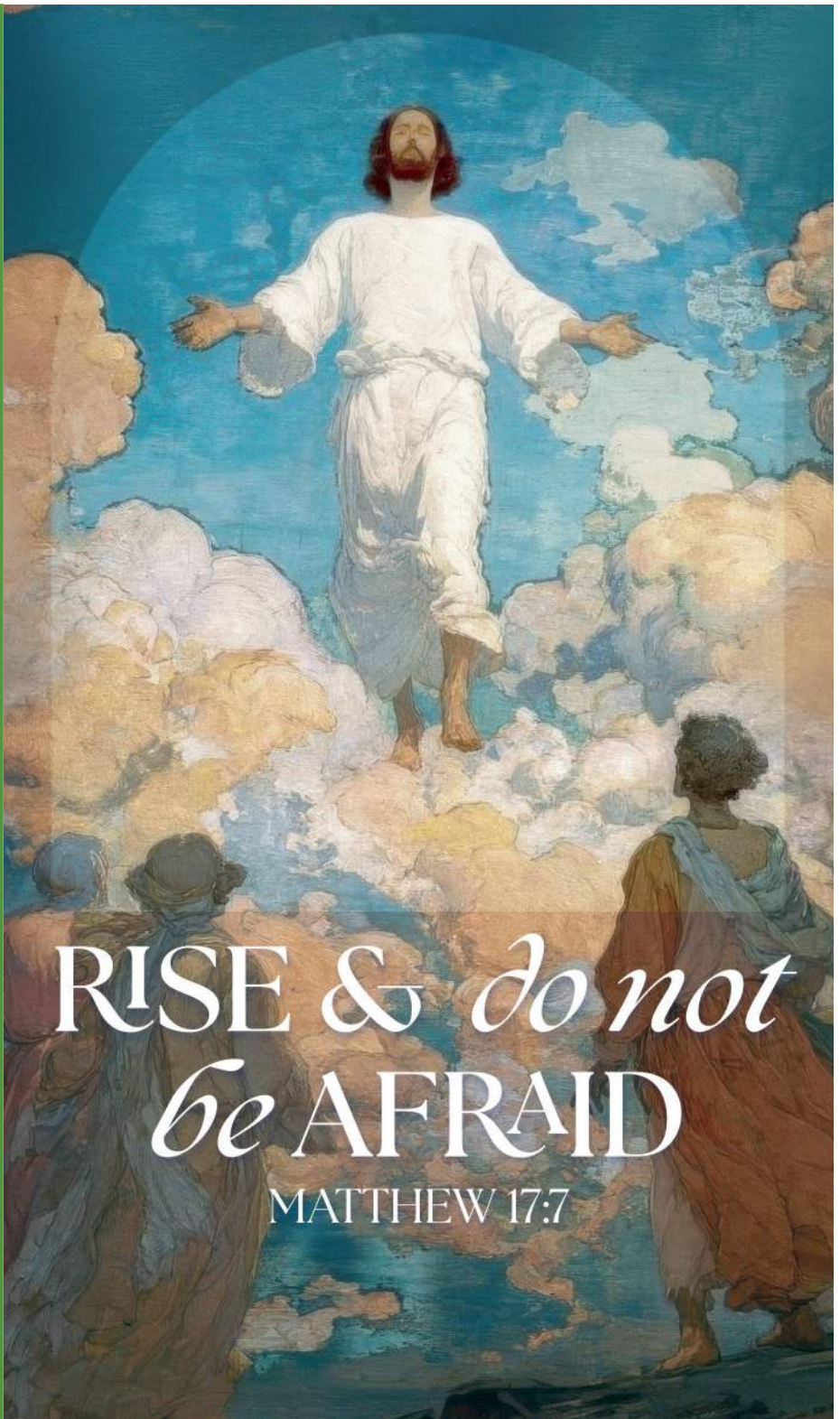
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

Confessions
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am
or by appointment

New Parishioners
We encourage you to register
in person at the Parish Office or
register online through our
website, www.stmarygostyn.org



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026

Monday, August 3rd
8:00 am† Robert Oliver

Tuesday, August 4th
8:00 am† Ray & Jackie Pietryla

Wednesday, August 5th
8:00 am† Betty Kolpa

Thursday, August 6th
8:00 am† Garry Kornack

Friday, August 7th
8:00 am† Eleanor Zubcic

Saturday, August 8th
4:00 pm† The People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9th
8:00 am† JoAnn Rodi
10:00 am† Angeline & Michael Prince
12:00 pm† Rita Lubanski
6:00 pm† Bernard Donovan

Policy for Prayers of the Sick

- Names of the sick may be added to the prayer list in the bulletin for one month. The request should be made by the sick person requesting their name or by an immediate family member on behalf of the sick person, who is not able to make the request.
- After one month**, the name will be removed from the list.
- After two months, you may request to be added again for another one-month period.

At every Mass, we pray for ALL the living and the dead in the "Universal Prayer," that is, "The Prayer of the Faithful" and in the "Eucharistic Prayer" even if names are not mentioned.

Prayers for the Sick

Aleena Truby	Robert Truby Sr.
Tom Dooley	Florence Fullen
Paul Krefft	Megan McCleelan
Ryan	Mary Signer
Candice Komack	Lois Bach
Scott Melrose	Bonnie Hagen
Gloria Caracello	Ron Cuchna

Welcome

We welcome the following families to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Athanasius & Millicent Lutta
Anthony & Monica Markas
Kyle & Yasseline Knoke
Joseph & Grace Ginex



Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch	Michael Martel
Natalya Brechlin	John Svoboda
Kathleen Halloran	Isabella Czopek
Nathan Kijowski	Jack Culligan
Kyle Ng	Ben Gartlan
Peter Gartlan	Zachary Frana
Noah Sommer	Aiden Browning

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Noraline Ann Donovan
daughter of Sean & Alyssa Donovan
Lilian Margaret Austin
daughter of Timothy & Susanne Austin



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Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21
Monday	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Friday	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Adult Faith Formation



Caring for Caregivers

Nourish for Caregivers

Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

More with Music: Where Words Fail Music Speaks. In the changes and challenges of caring for another, it can be difficult to find words to express our deep feelings, or even to communicate. Music helps to bridge the gap, providing connection and hope in the midst of struggles. God gives us beautiful music to connect and share experiences. Come! Be nourished.

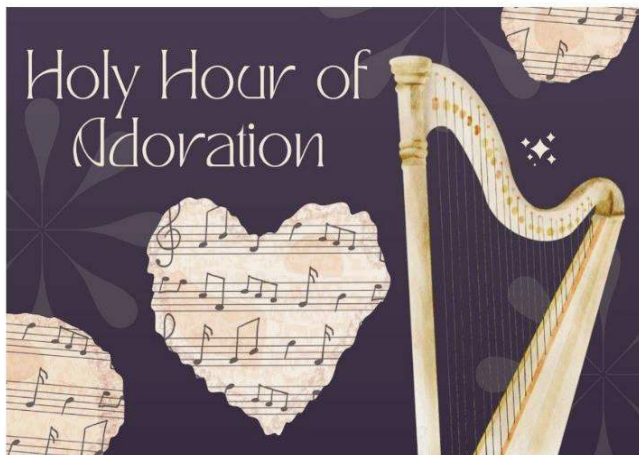
Wednesday, August 5th at 2PM in the GP

Holy Hour of Adoration

Sacred Sounds

The August 11th Holy Hour will feature the harp, played by our Music Director, Erin Lawrence. One distinctive purpose of the harp throughout scripture is praise! Join us at Holy Hour to praise our Lord and King! In addition to the harp music, the Holy Hour will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and opportunity for individual confession. This will be the only August Holy Hour.

Tuesday, August 11 at 7PM in Church



Interested in the Faith?

Becoming Catholic



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the way we welcome people into Catholic Church. Our OCIA Inquiry Course will begin in the Fall and is a way to encounter the love of Jesus and learn to live as a Catholic.

- **If you're baptized in another faith tradition or never been baptized**, or attending Mass because your spouse is Catholic, we welcome you to this journey of faith, and if interested, become Catholic.
- Or, **if you're baptized Catholic, but have not received all your Sacraments**, we welcome you.
- **If you're a life-long Catholic**, we invite you to accompany inquirers along the faith journey, a way to share your faith in conversation with others and model what it means to live as a Catholic.

Together, we'll share in the journey, growing closer in relationship as a faith community, with each other and with Jesus.

Curious? See the website for more details and a full list of topics. If you are interested in receiving Sacraments, call the office at 630.969.1063 or contact Father Shaun.

About our Faith

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

"And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone." (Mt 17:8).

On August 6th, the Church celebrates the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The Transfiguration is an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in heaven, and a promise of our own resurrection. In a powerful way, the Transfiguration teaches us to lift up our eyes when we are troubled and look for Jesus, and Jesus only. Whatever crosses may come our way, the Transformation reminds us that Jesus Christ is King and is willing to fight and die for us!



*As each one has received a gift, use it
to serve one another as
good stewards of God's varied grace.*
1 Peter 4:10

Volunteer!

Fall Ministry Initiative
This fall, we're looking to gather women of the parish for a to-be-determined(!) event. Volunteers are needed for planning, preparing, baking, cleaning, greeting, etc. – there's something for every ability and level of involvement! Help create an opportunity for women to have meaningful relationships with other women, our parish family, and our Lord Jesus. Questions? Interested in helping? Call Joanne at 630.220.3801 or email Joanne at Denouncer.5@comcast.net



SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859) August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially this one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

—Peter Scagnelli



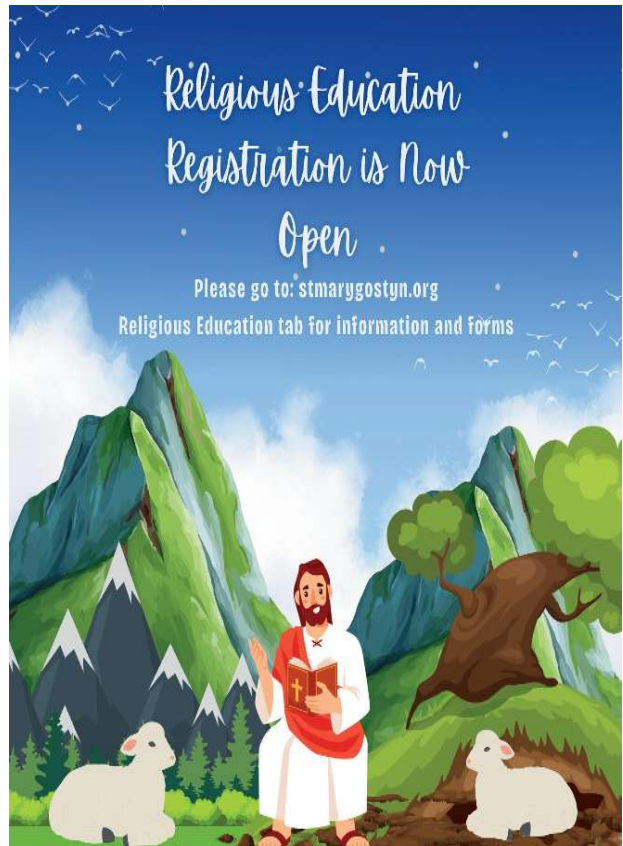
CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Our Religious Education program begins in early September. We are looking for Parishioners who would like to share their time, faith and talents with the children of our Parish.

We have need for teachers and teacher's aids in grades 1 to 8. Syllabi and lessons plans are provided for each grade level. We provide training and guidance for first time teachers, as well as long time teachers.

Please contact Jen Liszka in the Religious Education office at 630-960-3566 or religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org with any questions.





Religious Education Registration is Now Open

Please go to: stmarygostyn.org
Religious Education tab for information and forms

Baptism



Donovan family recent baptism at
St. Mary of Gostyn

 Grow In FAITH	 Rosary EVERY WEDNESDAY 8:45 PM
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lessons to Be Learned

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is one of the best known in the Gospels. When Jesus performs a miracle, he is not trying to show off his power. His actions always illustrate a lesson. This miracle can teach us many things. Let's look at a few of them.

One is the compassion of Christ. He takes pity on the crowd and first shows his love by curing their sick. Then he sees that they are hungry and he feeds them. This reminds us that Jesus knows what we need and cares about us. The bread reminds us of Jesus' temptation in the desert, where he told the tempter that "man does not live on bread alone." Just as the miracle satisfied the hunger of five thousand families, so his word will satisfy the spiritual hunger of millions. The miracle also reminds us that Jesus will give us himself, his Body and Blood as bread and wine, to be our food and drink.

So the question is, do we learn from this miracle? Do we trust the Lord to care for all our needs? Do we try to live by God's word? And finally, do we take advantage of the great gift of the Eucharist? The miracle may have happened two thousand years ago, but the lessons are meant for us today.

Tom Schmidt

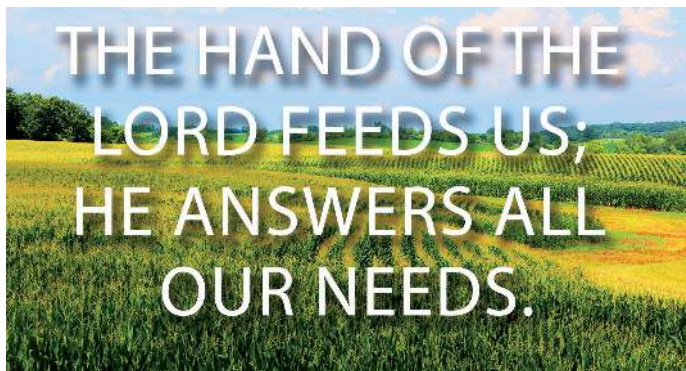


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Out of reverence for the House of God, food and beverages are not permitted in church. Water may be permitted when needed for a health-related concern. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS August 2

At the basilica of Our Lady of the Angels in Cartago, Costa Rica, one can see the statue of Nuestra Señora de los Angeles that was found on that spot in 1635. Pilgrims visiting Cartago come here out of devotion to Mary. Many enter the shrine on their knees and then pray at the rock where the image was found.





Childrens Garden

We invite anyone who donated a commemorative brick for our Childrens Garden to retrieve it within the next couple of weeks. We thank you for your support and hope it will continue to serve as a meaningful reminder of this special parish project.

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